Genji the Death's Friend

~Chapter Thirty-Eight~ The Kaleidoscope Pismire ⑨

WHEN WE WERE KIDS, TOUYA KILLED YUNA, A FEMALE CLASSMATE OF MINE.
HE CLAIMS IT WAS FOR MY SAKE.
WHILE GAPS REMAIN THROUGHOUT THE JIGSAW PUZZLE THAT IS MY MEMORY...
...I CAN'T HELP BUT WONDER, IS THIS TRULY THE END?
AN HOUR AFTER TOUYA AND I PARTED WAYS, THE SANDS OF TIME LAZILY BEGAN TO FALL AS THEY HAD BEFORE

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CLINK
HEY, BOSS.
WOULD YOU MIND TELLING ME ABOUT MY PARENTS?
HMM? WHERE'D THIS COME FROM?
YOU NEVER WANTED TO TALK ABOUT THEM UNTIL NOW...
AHH, Y'KNOW ...
ASIDE FROM YOU, I DON'T KNOW ANY OTHER OF MY PARENTS' FRIENDS.
DID THEY HAVE ANY OTHER FRIENDS?
YOU GOT ME.
NOTHING HAS BEEN SOLVED.
Collaboration

YEAH, SOME-HOW...
YOU KNOW THAT'S HOW WE BECAME FRIENDS, RIGHT?
YOUR PAR-ENTS WERE RESEARCH SCIENTISTS WHO HAD A LOVE FOR MUSIC.
I DON'T HAVE THAT KIND OF TALENT.
YOUR MOTHER WAS ESPECIALLY FOND OF THE PIANO, AND WANTED NOTHING MORE THAN TO RAISE YOU AS A PIANIST.
TAP
YUNA
THE TALENTED ONE WAS PROBABLY...
IF THAT TRAGEDY NEVER HAPPENED, YOU'D PROBABLY BE TOURING THE WORLD INSTEAD OF PLAYING IN MY QUAINT LITTLE ESTABLISHMENT.
CRUEL...
BRIGHT...
GIFTED...

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MY INFATUATION...
YUNA, THE GIRL WHO CARRIED HERSELF LIKE A QUEEN.
SO I MADE HER DIS-APPEAR.
SHE WAS A TERRIBLE PERSON.
THEY NEVER TALKED ABOUT WORK.
BEATS ME.
TOUYA ...
DO YOU KNOW WHAT KIND OF RE-SEARCH MY PARENTS DID?
JUN...
SENPAI! I KNEW YOU'D BE HERE.

DO YOU MIND...
CLUNK
FRANKLY, I CAN'T SAY I BELIEVE HIS STORY.
...IF I PLAY FOR A BIT?
Hey, Boss.
Give me the regular
JUN SAYS THAT WHEN I LOST HIM, HE'D BEEN KNOCKED OUT BY A PASSERBY.
BUT WHEN HE CAME WANDERING BACK AFTERWARD, HE DIDN'T SEEM TO SHOW ANY PARTICULAR SIGNS OF DISTRESS.
...
I WONDER WHY...
...THIS ANT WON'T DIE?

GOOD EVENING...

YO.
TOUYA-SAN.

I CAME TO FULFILL OUR PROMISE, JUN-KUN.
ジリ!
SLIP

YOU WANT TO KNOW WHAT HAPPENED BETWEEN ME AND GENJI, RIGHT?
YES.
THAT'S WHY I AGREED TO GO ALONG WITH YOUR LITTLE PLOT.
I DON'T LIKE THE IDEA OF DECEIVING GENJI-SENPAI WHEN I DON'T EVEN HAVE A CLUE WHAT'S GOING ON.
BUT YOU SAID IT WAS FOR SENPAI, SO--
I DIDN'T COME HERE TO CHAT. WHY DON'T WE CUT TO THE CHASE, JUN-KUN?

SO...
WHERE SHOULD I BEGIN?
OKAY...

I WANT YOU TO TELL ME...
WHAT...?
...WHO THE REAL KILLER WAS.

TEN YEARS AGO,
WHO WAS IT REALLY...
...THAT KILLED YUNA MINATO BEFORE GENJI-SENPAI'S EYES?